

Our ref: YAN-40

Client's ref: PA5353PCT/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

-----x

In re Application of: Yasuhiro SAITO :  
:   
Serial No.:PCT/JP2004/016201 :   
Filed: October 26, 2004 :   
Title: FILTRATION DEVICE :Dated: April 27, 2006  
-----x

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S i r:

This is a preliminary amendment filed concurrently herewith.  
Attached are claim amendments, a revised abstract, and remarks.